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National Hospice/Palliative Care Month- November 2010
Seasons of Caring: the caring of Hospice and Palliative Care
Board of Selectmen
Acton, Massachusetts
Proclamation

Whereas, providing high quality hospice and palliative care reaffirms our belief in the essential dignity of every person, regardless of age, health or social status, and that every stage of human life deserves to be treated with the utmost respect and care;

Whereas, hospice care and palliative care offer the highest quality services and support to patients and families facing serious and life limiting illness;

Whereas, skilled and compassionate hospice and palliative care professionals-including physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, and clergy-provide comprehensive care focused on the wishes of each individual patient;

Whereas, through pain management and symptom control, caregiver's training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support, allowing patients to live fully up until the final moments, surrounded and supported by the faces of loved ones, friends, and committed caregivers.

Whereas, last year, more than 1.45 million Americans living with life-limiting illnesses, and their families, received care from the nation's hospice programs in communities throughout the United States;

Whereas, more than 500,000 trained volunteers contribute 25 million hours of service to hospice program annually;

Whereas, hospice and palliative care providers encourage all people to learn more about options of care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones, and their healthcare professionals;

Now, therefore, be resolved that I, Lauren Rosenzweig Morton, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim November 2010 as **National Hospice/Palliative Care Month** and encourage citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand this 18st day of October, In the year 2010

Lauren Rosenzweig Morton, Chairman
Acton Board of Selectmen